

# Teacher strike averted as two sides reach eleventh hour, 'terrific' accord



**NOT QUITE**—A Los Angeles Community College District teachers strike was narrowly avoided this week when the AFT and the district reached a contract settlement Monday night. The new contract, which includes a zero percent salary hike, is

scheduled to be ratified today. AFT President Virginia Mulrooney (left) and Chancellor Leslie Koltai (right) announced the terms of the agreement at a press conference on Tuesday.

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By MARY CRONIN  
News Editor

A teacher's strike in the Los Angeles Community College District was averted earlier this week when the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild bargaining committee and the district's negotiators reached a "tentative accord" in a contract settlement.

The terms of the three year contract call for no increase in faculty workload, and a temporary status-quo for the teachers' salaries until the state's community colleges' funding dispute can be resolved.

A strike vote was scheduled to be held by the AFT today. Instead the guild will hold a ratification meeting at 2:30 this afternoon where teachers will vote on accepting the proposed contract.

Referring to the fact that agreement was reached only eight hours before the teachers were scheduled to set up "informational" picket lines at the district's nine colleges, Guild Executive Secretary Jim Hardesty said, "The reason that we have a settlement is because we took alternate action."

At a meeting held at Valley on Tuesday, Hardesty told the assembled faculty, "If we would have brought you this contract two years ago, you would have told us to go and commit unnatural acts to ourselves. However, under the circumstances, this is a terrific contract."

He also decried the "hocus-pocus shenanigans" of the board in their presentation of the district budget figures.

The issue of the board's proposed cutting of non-certified jobs was resolved last week with the board's agreement to delete this proposal.

The two remaining major issues, salary consideration and workload, were resolved Monday night.

There has been bitterness on the part of both sides in the contract dispute. The board, strapped with a \$29 million budget deficit because of Sacramento's refusal to restore the state community college funds to last year's level had asked that the teachers take a 5 percent decrease in pay and increase their workload by 10 percent.

The AFT was adamant in their refusal to accept these proposals and the talks have been stalled for months. The sessions last week-end were referred to as "noisy" and "rancorous" by Guild President Virginia Mulrooney.

One of the most visible clauses of the new contract will be the change in the district's school calendar. Beginning in the 1984-85 school year, classes in the fall semester will meet from mid-August to the Christmas break. After the two week vacation, the spring session will begin and continue until the end of May.

The change will be advantageous to those students who wish to transfer to a four year university because the starting dates in the fall

now coincide with Valley's.

Teacher salary negotiations will begin as soon as the district resolves its funding problems. Funding for the state's community colleges has been held up in Sacramento by Gov. Deukmejian's demand that the funding bill be attached to a bill requiring the first-time-ever fees in the colleges. Democrats in the Legislature have stood firm against the fee plan, leaving the issue at an impasse and the schools throughout the state in fiscal chaos.

At a press conference Tuesday announcing the accord, Dr. Leslie Koltai, district chancellor, expressed the hope that "Sacramento's political conflict will be soon resolved and that the governor and legislature will come through with the additional funds and the wealth and quality of our educational system can be saved." He also said, "Our objective is to restore 600 classes in the spring."

Mulrooney, who celebrated her "best birthday ever" on the day of the accord, said that while the agreement is "merely satisfactory" because teachers continue to work without a pay increase, she hopes that the governor and legislature can come to an agreement soon.

Valley teachers at the meeting held here Tuesday were generally optimistic about the contract. English instructor Marvin Zuckerman said the new contract is "terrific." Sociology instructor T.J.

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## Future sunset fees?

There was no change in Sacramento this week regarding community college funding, although Gov. Deukmejian did suggest that he would compromise his stance on tuition to include a watered-down "sunset" fee.

Sunset fees would mean tuition would be imposed at California community colleges for a limited period of time as a temporary measure to fund the system.

Neither state Republican nor Democrats seemed to be very pleased with Deukmejian's subtle policy change.

However, the issue will be discussed today when the Assembly meets in a previously scheduled private session.

Deukmejian has made it clear that he will not sign any legislation providing more community college funding unless it is accompanied by a student fee bill.

The state community colleges are currently facing a \$108.5 million deficit from last year's budget.

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## Question examined

# Bankruptcy: The great perhaps

By JOSEPH KEHOE  
Editor-in-Chief

"I can assure you that this district will not have the money to keep the schools open [throughout the school year] . . . and that's precisely the reason why we've instructed our counsel to begin to investigate the possibility of bankruptcy."

This was Trustee Marguerite Ar-

## Governor's telephone poll opens

By JIM CROGAN  
Staff Writer

736-2373.

This is the telephone number of Gov. Deukmejian's office here in Los Angeles.

This number also gives students, faculty, school employees, in fact anyone who is interested in the current stalemate surrounding community college funding, a chance to cast their vote in a poll now being taken on this issue by Gov. Deukmejian's office.

Last week, Gov. Deukmejian vetoed the funding bill passed by the legislature, eliminating \$108.5 million from community college funding, thereby pushing the district one step closer to "bankruptcy."

This poll is informal and unscientific. No information about the caller is taken and there are no set questions to be answered. Callers

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chie's reaction to Gov. George Deukmejian's veto of a \$108.5 million funding bill last week that would have restored the California community college budget to last year's level.

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is currently facing a \$29 million deficit for 1983-84. And, unless the governor and the State Legislature reach an agreement that would provide additional finances, the district will be left to deal with the crisis as best it can.

This means that massive cuts in certain areas of the budget will have to be made if the district is to avoid bankruptcy.

Archie, who is president of the LACCD Board of Trustees, has said that the district will "of course" look at whether there is "some more cutting we can do in things."

"But the fact of the matter is that the largest proportion of our budget is in salaries. So obviously we're going to have to make some cuts there."

However, earlier this week the district and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild reached a tentative contract agreement that will cost an additional \$3.8 million.

According to Chancellor Leslie Koltai, the district will use a "temporary reassignment of funds" to pay for teacher salaries.

## Analysis

The board had been asking teachers to take a 5 percent pay cut. The new agreement calls for a 0 percent increase.

Before the accord was reached, Archie had said, "If we cannot meet our obligations, we obviously are going to have to find some way of getting out of them..."

At this point, however, the

district is still "hoping" and "betting" that the stalemate between Deukmejian and the Legislature will be resolved in time to rescue the district from a possible bankruptcy.

But if these hopes fall through then as a result of the new contract, the district will be faced with a \$33 million deficit instead of the present \$29 million.

In the event the district does run out of funds before the end of the year, bankruptcy, according to attorney Robert Flagg of the office of Runquist and Flagg, would "be like throwing cold water on a dog fight, letting everybody calm down..."

Yet if the district is unable to meet its contractual obligations to the teachers, it is difficult to imagine the AFT responding in a "calm" manner.

And, Archie warns that the district's financial troubles might not be a temporary problem.

"Unless we get some long range financing, we'll be doing the same dance all over again."

# Chancellor proclaims district in "throes of fiscal distress"

By MARY CRONIN  
News Editor

Even with the current likelihood that state community colleges will have their funding restored to last year's level, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is still in dire financial straits.

According to Chancellor Leslie Koltai, if the funding dilemma in Sacramento is resolved, the district will remain \$13 million in debt.

"This has been, and continues to be, a difficult year for community colleges," said Koltai at a recent press conference. "The colleges have been a political football in Sacramento, and while we are gratified that we have this [strike] settlement, we are subdued by the fact that we continue to be in the throes of fiscal distress."

The \$29 million deficit with which the district began the semester will only diminish by \$12.5 million if funding is reinstated and an estimated \$4 million from student fees.

District plans to offset this deficit include "inter-budget transfers, retirement incentives, and the sale of parcels of land currently owned by the district."

Koltai, discussing the budget problems, called for a "temporary reassignment of funds and a cutting back of other [non-salary] accounts."

The tuition income figures are deceptive, however, according to Koltai because its instatement will probably mean a net loss to the district. District studies have shown the imposition of fees will result in

an approximate 10 percent loss of student population, and since the amount of state funding depends on the number of students attending classes, the estimated funding loss to the LACCD will be about \$5.3 million, meaning that the imposition of tuition will cost the district approximately \$1.3 million.

Koltai said that, "For them [the governor and legislature], tuition is a philosophical issue, a political issue, and not a financial issue."

The district also finds itself in the position of having one strike threat resolved, only to have to deal with four more unions whose contracts expired last June 30.

Norm Schneider, district public relations officer, calls the union negotiations and budget problems "ongoing."



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**THE GREAT WALL**—Work continues on the mural that is being painted on the wall along Coldwater Canyon Blvd. The last lecture in the "Great Wall Friday Forum" will be held on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Chemistry 100. The lecture will deal with the depiction of the 1950's on the mural.

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## STAR EDITORIALS

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Deukmejian's number is up. Demand more community college funding and NO TUITION.

## Part-time government

While the president of the California State Senate is vacationing in Italy these days, he might observe that Venice, a city built on a series of canals, is a rather unstable place to be. However, in comparison to the state of community colleges back home, Sen. David Roberti (D-Hollywood) should find Venice a veritable rock of Gibraltar.

As an integral part of California's higher education system rapidly sinks in the west, state lawmakers last week departed for more than three months of rest and relaxation. (This follows a recent decision by legislators to give themselves a 20 percent pay raise.)

Although the example of California community colleges painfully brought this issue to the surface, the problem itself has always existed.

The fact is that it is irresponsible for a government to shut down for more than one-fourth of the year—this or any year.

Perhaps, if most of our problems are solved

sometime in the distant future, we can afford to have government rendered inoperative for lengthy periods of time. As for the present, however, the troubles we face can no longer be cloaked behind the flag, or "the greatness of America," or . . . prolonged vacations.

The State Legislature, and the Assembly in particular, should be applauded for defeating Gov. George Deukmejian's call for tuition at the state's community colleges, and they should not be singled out for responsibility in this matter.

Nonetheless, a governing system that is in operation less than 75 percent of the time does not serve the best interest of the people of this state and must be changed.

The restructuring of this system should be a priority when lawmakers return to session in January. Three months is simply too much time for this essential branch of government to be non-productive.

Governing a state of well over 20 million people must be a full-time job.

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## Editor's letter to the edited

## Whadaya say, Valley?

By GREGORY POTTER  
Managing Editor

Utopia.

In places like Beirut, El Salvador, The Philippines, and Chile, this concept of life must seem as abstract and improbable as Marxist theory is to Jesse Helms.

But an overwhelming majority of

Valley College's inhabitants have apparently reached Utopia.

What with numerous teachers and classes chopped off our rolls, tuition looming over the Spring '84 semester, and bankruptcy staring down its nose at the Los Angeles Community College District, 99.98 percent of Valley's population has nothing to complain about...nothing to say.

Think of it. Of the over 7,500 people served by this publication available to over 23,000, only one person shared an opinion (one which opposed our editorial stance on tuition).

Are current circumstances not as consequential and thought-provoking as they seem? Does

Your letters to the editor are more than welcome—they are the barometers without which we cannot measure the climate of student concern and thus cannot optimally serve you, our readership.

Utopia is short-lived in a vacuum of silence or apathy. For if we become too complacent to think and speak for ourselves, someone else will think and speak for us. And we all know the historical results of that.

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## Nationalism flexes Olympic muscle

By MARY CRONIN  
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Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founding force behind the modern Olympic games, was convinced that athletics, along with education, would help to promote better understanding between the nations of the world.

It is unfortunate that this admirable sentiment has been

extreme nationalism. From the choosing of the site to the closing ceremonies, individual achievement has given way to national pride.

This trend could be reversed if we would look clearly at the problems of these events and analyze how best to deal with them.

The first major hurdle is that the Olympic site keeps moving, and the host city is burdened with massive

its traditional neutrality, would be ideal for the winter events.

The second obstacle to peaceful, harmonious games are the nationalistic ceremonies surrounding the games. Athletes march in the opening ceremonies surrounded by their fellow countrymen. Medal winners receive their awards with their nation's flag being raised and its anthem being played. Reporters eagerly tally up the number of

for the glory of the nation.

This kind of abuse will only stop when individuals are encouraged to represent themselves at the games and not their countries.

Permanent communal housing should be built at the Olympic site, and rooms should be assigned in such a way that the athletes have the opportunity to mix with people from differing cultures. A free exchange of ideas and attitudes would surely be beneficial in an increasingly mistrustful world.

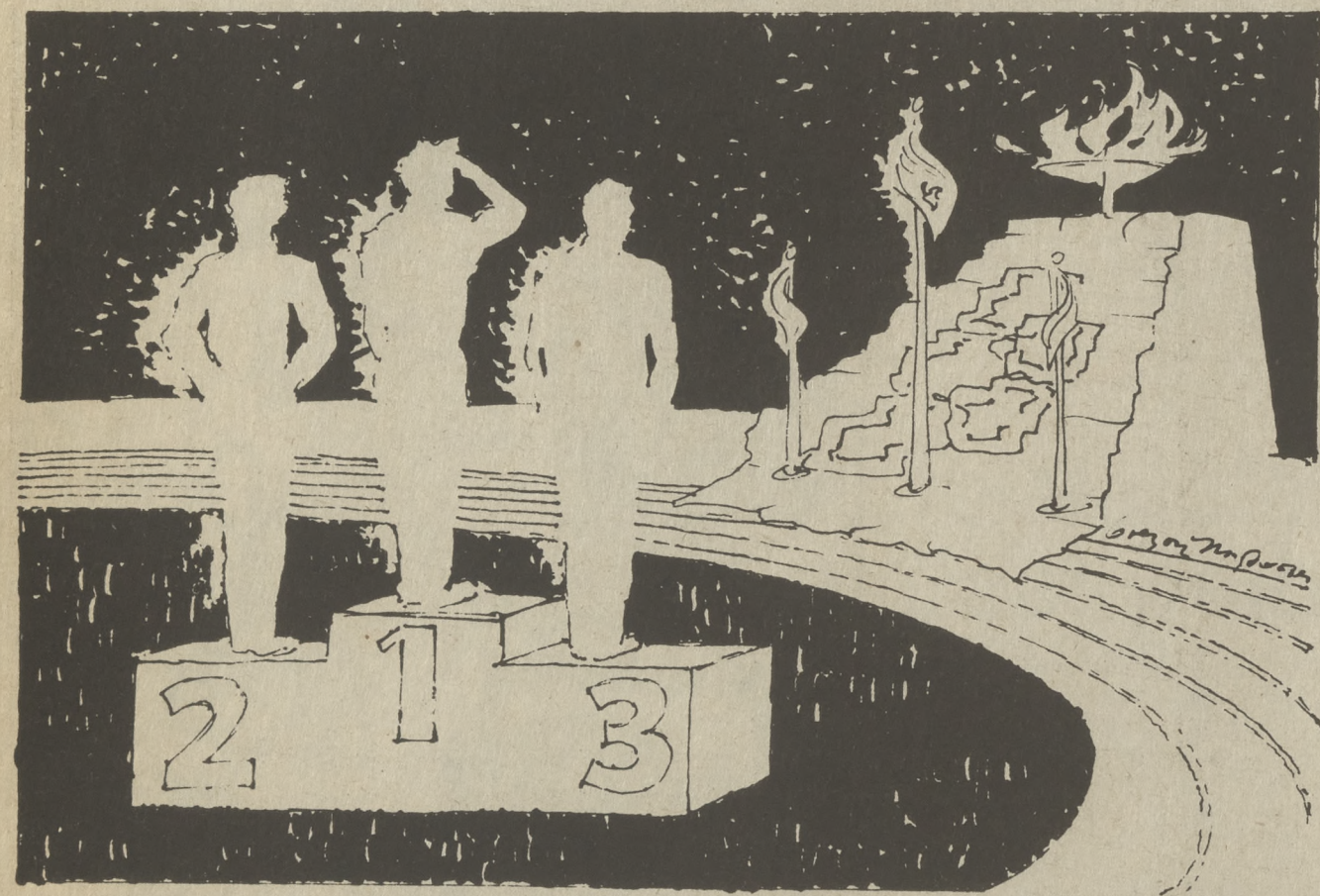
An Olympic anthem should be written and played when the medals are awarded, and the use of any nation's flag should be banned. Opening and closing ceremonies should emphasize a spirit of humanness and cooperation.

The sheer size of the games has become increasingly cumbersome, and bringing the events down to a manageable level would be advantageous. An astounding 10,000 to 12,000 athletes are expected in Los Angeles next summer, and this number does not take into consideration the numerous coaches, trainers, and officials who are also part of the games.

The first thing to go should be team sports. This would help to keep the number of athletes competing to a more acceptable level, and would also encourage individual achievement rather than national cause. It would also be helpful to suspend the rule which requires the entry of at least one athlete from each country. Entry should be based on ability rather than birthplace or citizenship.

By making these changes in the Olympic games, we could eliminate problems such as the threat of Russian or American boycott, the two-China controversy, the Montreal economic debacle, and the horrible Munich massacre.

If this planet is to survive, we must make use of every opportunity to promote goodwill. The Olympic games could be a wonderful tool for cultivating world peace and understanding.



debased to the point where the quadrennial games have eroded from a celebration of the human desire to excel into spectacles of political maneuvering and nationalistic propaganda.

The problems in staging the games have become so severe that it is clear that changes must be made if the games are to survive.

The greatest problem with the Olympic games at this point is their

economic and political dilemmas.

If the site of the games were permanent, we could eliminate the boycott threat of those governments who use the games for political propaganda and also save the millions of dollars spent constructing Olympic facilities.

Greece's location and Olympic history make it a logical choice for the summer games. Switzerland, with its magnificent mountains and

medals "won by each country" and downplay the awesome individual effort that winning a medal requires.

National pressure to win places such enormous burdens on the athlete that many use harmful drugs and steroids to gain a competitive edge, hoping that the drugs will not be detected by the Olympic physicians checking for just such use. The well being of the athlete is sacrificed

## LETTERS

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# AFT wins battle to represent Unit one classified workers

By JIM CROGAN  
Staff Writer

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild Local 1521 recently won the right to represent clerical-technical (unit one) classified employees in their contract negotiations with the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

AFT's come-from-behind victory came in a run-off election held Aug. 18 between the AFT and Local 99, the American Federation of Labor (AF of L) affiliate which currently represents LACCD's technical-trade people.

The initial election held in July resulted in the decertification of unit one classified employees' previous representative, the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Local 99 won that election but didn't receive the required 50 percent plus one. That necessitated the run-off which AFT won handily by a margin of 10 percent.

Unquestionably, this election gives the AFT a "big stick" to carry into its negotiations with the District.

Indeed, a stick they may yet need because unit one's previous agree-

## Fall ASB increases

By DAVID BOHRER  
Associate News Editor

Although Valley College enrollment has decreased this semester, Associated Student Body (ASB) membership has jumped almost 25 percent from last semester, according to ASB president Jeff Kaplan.

Kaplan attributes this boost in membership to "the first-rate effort put forth by our membership committee during registration. During this time close to 2,300 students joined ASB."

ASB membership has increased this semester, but membership is still 7,500 members below its most recent high of nearly 12,000 in the Spring of '82. These memberships were lost as a result of the loss of free parking for ASB members, according to ASB Advisor Dr. Pauline Merry.

"The reason these members were lost," said Merry, "was that ASB parking was eliminated. It used to be that when a student joined ASB, they were given free parking privileges. But when that was cut by the district, so was about 75 percent of our memberships."

"The problem now is that students are becoming reluctant to join ASB because they see no direct benefits to themselves," said Merry. "Also," said Kaplan, "most students just aren't sure what they are going to get for their \$7 membership fee."

ment negotiated by CSEA ran out June 30. Since that time they have been working under the terms of the expired contract and will continue to do so until AFT negotiates a new one.

Virginia Mulrooney, AFT president, said, "I expect negotiations for the classified employees agreement to begin around the end of October."

The campaign to decertify CSEA as the bargaining agent for unit 1 employees was a rough one with more than its share of mudslinging.

AFT's interim Executive Secretary for the Staff Guild Sandra Lepore was especially irritated by a letter issued by Local 99, which tried to use something Virginia Mulrooney said in 1977 as representing her position today.

"It was taken completely out of context, and it didn't fool anyone — especially the classified employees," Lepore said.

Although Lepore acknowledged some employee feedback regarding the mudslinging she felt it had little to do with the final outcome. In her opinion, the election revolved around the questions of representation and dues.

CSEA headquarters is located in Northern California and, under their system 80 percent of the dues collected from classified employees traveled north. AFT headquarters on the other hand, is located here in Los Angeles, and so the dues money would stay here, thereby benefitting the employees from whom it was collected.

The most important issue sur-

rounding this election seemed to be union representation. According to Lepore, that was really the deciding factor between AFT and 99.

"The AFT has a strong record for negotiating contracts and Virginia Mulrooney is perceived as a strong and capable leader," she said.

AFT's actions during this campaign underscored the importance of this election. They brought out the big guns to win it.

National and local AFT staff working on this campaign included leaders from Oxnard and Detroit, Michigan. The AFT national office also contributed funds to the campaign. AFT also received workers from the California Federation of Teachers. And finally AFT also hired one classified employee from each of the 9 campuses.

## Strike...

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Yacovone, a member of AFT for over 20 years, complimented the AFT leadership. "They did an extraordinary job." He praised the union for their "quality of leadership and sensitivity to members."

A discordant note was struck by a P.E. instructor who expressed his dissatisfaction with the terms of the workload clause. He maintained that P.E. instructors have a heavier workload than teachers in other disciplines. Another instructor called the proposal "totally unsatisfactory" because there are no provisions for an immediate pay hike and cost of living raises.



## Decisions speeded up by drop fee

By MARTI HOLBROOK STEVENS  
Associate View Editor

"Ninety" to "95" percent of the traditional add/drop transactions happened within the first two weeks of classes this semester," said John Barnhart, assistant dean of administration.

This is primarily due to the \$10 drop fee that has been placed on those students wishing to drop classes after Sept. 26.

As of last Monday, only 110 students dropped classes and paid the fee, according to LAVC accountant, Tom Hiltibiddle.

Most of the transactions usually occur during the first four weeks of school, but because of the drop fee, "students have made up their minds quicker" in regard to their class schedules, said Barnhart.

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**STRIKE TRASHED**—Sylvia Lubow, Valley College AFT Chapter Chair, celebrates the union's contract settlement at a meeting held at Valley this week. Teachers were prepared to picket on Tuesday morning if no agreement had been reached.

## Duke...

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are free to give their opinion on either the funding cuts or the proposed student fees.

A spokesperson in the governor's

local office said, "We are in close contact with Sacramento on this issue and report the results of this poll to him (Deukmejian) on a daily basis."

The poll is expected to continue for at least the next 12 days.

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8. USE THE CODE NUMBER LISTED IN THE INSTRUCTIONS

9. LOAN AMOUNT REQUESTED \$

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11. WHILE IN SCHOOL BORROWER INTENDS TO LIVE WITH PARENTS ON CAMPUS OFF CAMPUS ☐ ☐

12. PERIOD OF LOAN FROM mo/yr TO mo/yr

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# ASB to sponsor fall film series

By MARY BLANCO  
Staff Writer

A collection of classic films and motion pictures will be featured by the Associated Student Body (ASB), on campus this year. Valley College will host such popular greats as the Marx Bros., Superman, Peter Sellers, and the knights of Camelot.

Jeff Falgien, ASB commissioner of social activities, along with ASB president Jeff Kaplan, are finalizing the details. "It's a new activity that we are not trying to make money on. We're simply offering a service," said Falgien.

The midnight specials will begin

at 10 p.m. with a live band playing until midnight, at which time the film will commence.

All card-carrying ASB members will be eligible for two free passes, which they may share with a friend. The ASB admission will be \$1 after that. Standard admission is \$2.50, and 50¢ for adult-accompanied children, 12 and under.

For additional information on the ASB movie series, call Jeff Falgien at 781-1200 (ext. 361) between the hours of 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday between 11 a.m. to noon.

## Puzzles!!

This week's puzzler . . .

You are sitting in a room. You are alone except for the company of two computers, which are highly advanced and have the dual ability of speech and thought. Before you are placed in the room, you have been informed that one of the two computers has been programmed to tell nothing but lies, and the other has been programmed to tell the truth (you are not told which). The room has two exits, one leading to freedom, the other to certain death. Both of the computers know which door to take. You are able to ask only one computer one question to find the answer. What is the question and how did you arrive at it? (The answer is not the obvious "which door is the one to freedom?" because you are not told which computer lies.)

Answers to last week's puzzler . . .

Since all three applicants raised their hands, only two possibilities can be posed: two black marks and one white or three black marks. If, therefore, there were a white mark on any forehead, two men would see one black and one white and would instantly guess that the third mark must be black. Since the instant solution did not occur, each of the three men must have seen two black marks. Therefore all three marks were black, including the successful applicants.

The variation: Each person realizes that if the mark on his own forehead were white, then the puzzle would be the same as the three man version. Since all the men are exceptionally intelligent, the person who solves it would know that the others could also. Since none of them did solve it, then he soon realizes his mark must also be black.

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## Crit List

"Dreamgirls" . . . Condition: GOOD

"Dreamgirls," now playing at the Shubert Theater indefinitely, is a delight. The play chronicles the rise to stardom of a Black singing group somewhat reminiscent of the Supremes.

The main plot concerns the unfair ouster of the group's most talented performer, Effie, as the lead singer to make room for a more comely backup singer.

Jennifer Holliday as Effie gives an astounding performance. The range and quality of her voice mesmerizes the audience, and her torch song just before intermission is the high point of the show.

The show's music, unfortunately, lacks the luster of some of the more enduring American musicals. The lyrics are appropriate, but the score seems to lack the sparkle that makes people leave the theater humming.

Ticket prices are prohibitive (\$20 to \$40), but students and senior citizens can buy unsold seats for a performance two hours before showtime for half price with valid identification.

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Mary Cronin

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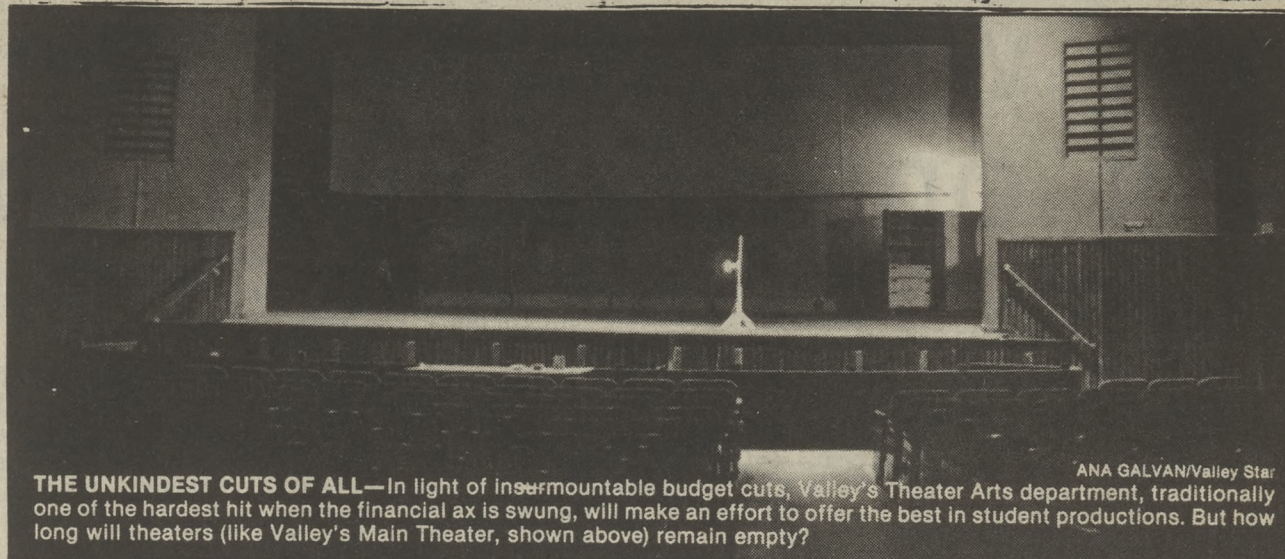
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This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Pierce community college will host the 1983 Festival of Animation. The 16 films to be shown range from the classic Betty Boop to Will Vinton's newest film "The Great Cognito." There will be nine showings in all: Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The festival will be held in the Pierce College Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is \$5. For further information call (213) 347-0551.



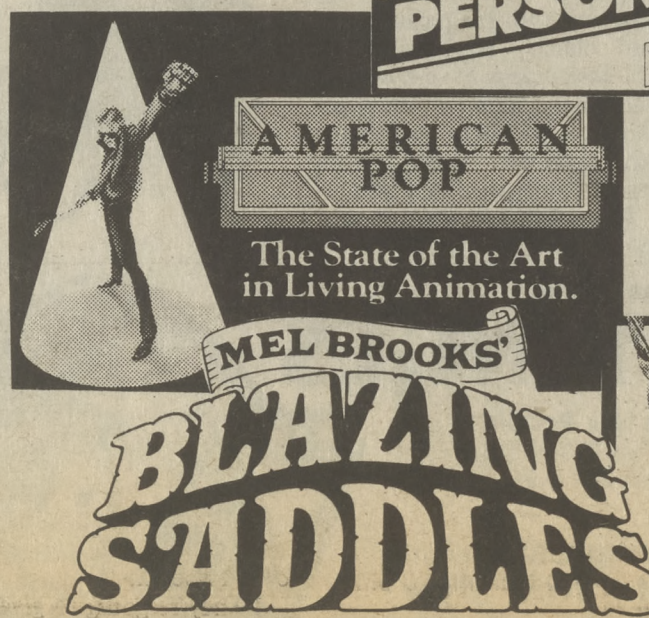
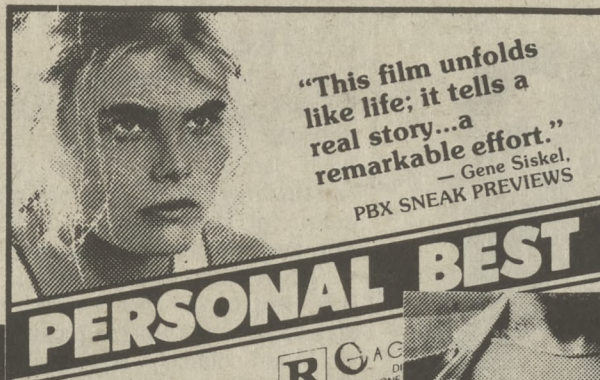
THE UNKINDEST CUTS OF ALL—In light of insurmountable budget cuts, Valley's Theater Arts department, traditionally one of the hardest hit when the financial ax is swung, will make an effort to offer the best in student productions. But how long will theaters (like Valley's Main Theater, shown above) remain empty?

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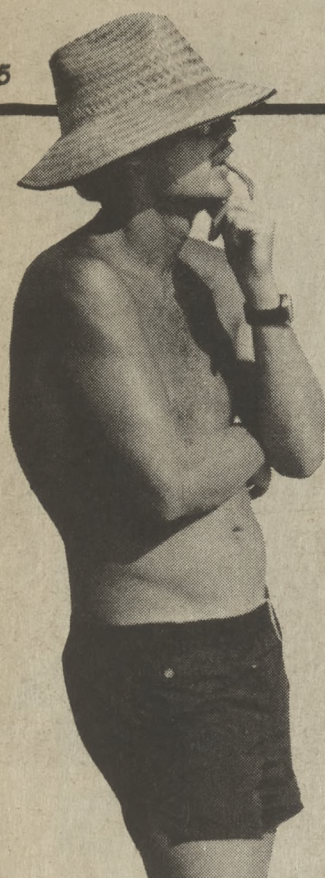
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**WATER POLO**—Valley's water polo team out swam San Diego Grossmont in the fourth quarter to win 20-12 last week. The team has won five of its last seven games. Photos from the Grossmont game above. Head coach Bill Krauss (above left), Mike Mulligan (above center), Niall Skehan (lower center), Bill Lees (lower right), and onlooking teammates (right).



PHOTO ESSAY BY DENISE MORGAN



## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday, Sept. 29

**Cross Country**—Trade Tech, 3 p.m., Trade Tech  
**Water Polo**—Alumni, 7 p.m., Valley

Saturday, Sept. 30

**Football**—Phoenix, 7:30 p.m., Valley

Monday, Oct. 1

**Volleyball**—Santa Barbara, 4 p.m., Santa Barbara

Wednesday, Oct. 3

**Water Polo**—El Camino, 3 p.m., El Camino

## Football preview

By CHRIS HASSETT  
Sports Editor

The Monarch football team will attempt to recapture the thrill of victory this Saturday night when they go up against the always tough Phoenix team straight from Arizona.

Head coach Chuck Fererro said his team has improved in the two weeks since the 44 to 7 victory over Cal Lutheran, but he made no prediction of a similar slaughter over Phoenix.

"They're going to give us a good game," he said. "They didn't start

out too well this year, but they're a good team, they always are."

Phoenix will be the only out of state team the Monarchs will play this year due to the new league Valley is in. Fererro said that since this is a non-league game and both teams needed to fill a spot on the calendar, the two head coaches decided to make a game of it.

"It was a last minute thing," he said. "They had an open date and so did we, so they called me. They have the money to travel so they're coming here."

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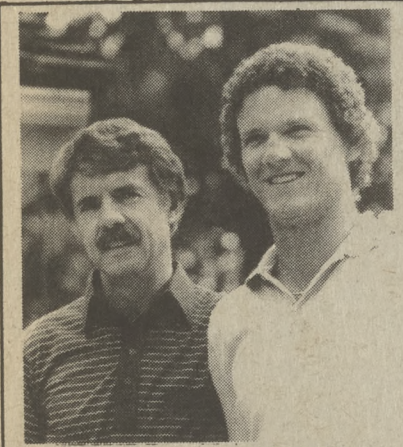
## Former Valley ace hits major leagues

By MARY CRONIN  
News Editor

Valley's athletic department points with pride at the number of athletes trained here who go on to achieve great success in their athletic careers. Texas Ranger pitcher Dave Schmidt is one of this school's athletes to make it to the big leagues.

Schmidt recalls his training at Valley as very valuable to him because, for the first time, the coaches accented the mental part of the game. "They worked more on your mind," says Schmidt, "and taught us about getting ready and being ready in tough situations."

Although he was not drafted by the Rangers until the last five rounds, Schmidt managed to bypass hundreds of other players to reach the majors in only two years.



Don (left) and Dave Schmidt

Schmidt says that this accomplishment is the result of determination and hard work as well as physical talent. "The physical aspect is just the base," according to Schmidt. "But with just physical talent and without determination and drive you will never make it."

He vowed in his rookie summer that "no one would work harder than me." The key to success, he says, is to constantly improve and that improvement comes only with hard work. "You have to want to work hard, to learn new things, and to better yourself."

Calling the funding cutbacks in athletics departments in the L.A. School and Community College Districts "sad," Schmidt explained that there are other benefits to a comprehensive athletic program aside from the primary advantages of involving students in vigorous

athletic activity. Good sports programs not only prepare some students for a professional career, as in his case, they also give students the opportunity to secure scholarships to universities which they might not otherwise be able to attend. "I'm not sure I would have gone to UCLA without the scholarship," said Schmidt.

Schmidt said he values his education and calls the policy of recruiting players to enhance a college team without insisting that the athletes are academically qualified "terrible." These athletes leave

school with a psychological as well as educational disadvantage, according to Schmidt.

He also advised young players to take advantage of scholarships and get a complete college education before embarking on a sports career. "It costs a lot of money to go to school, and if you have a chance to, do it now instead of later."

Schmidt beams when discussing his career at this point. "They pay me a ridiculous amount of money to play a game that I'd be willing to play just for fun." He remembers

growing up playing ball in the streets of the valley and memorizing major league player averages.

He speaks fondly of the help and encouragement his father gave him. "I got a lot of encouragement, but I wasn't pushed. As long as I liked it, he was willing to help."

When Schmidt was called up to the majors, his goal was to pitch pro ball for ten years. Surgery on his elbow last November sidelined him for six months and also altered his goal. He now wants simply to stay healthy and to enjoy his career as long as it lasts.

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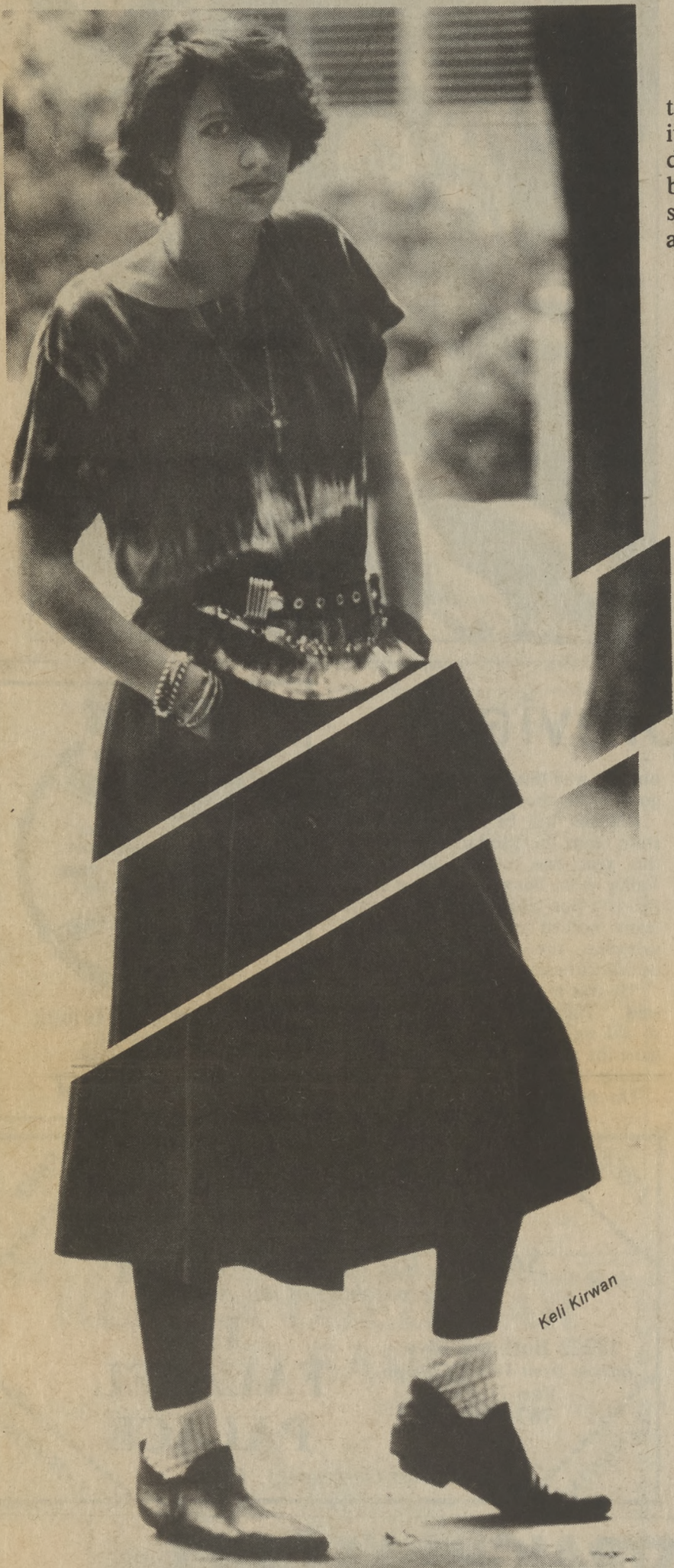
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Streams of offbeat fashions find their way through every channel of campus life. The latest in the ongoing new wave look ranges from "back-to-school 1950's" style to the "high-tech-razor-sharp" style that is unique only to the '80's.



The clothes themselves may not differ extremely from those of past fashion trends, but it is definitely the accessories that give that desired eccentric look. Mod hair styles, leather belts, high-top shoes, and archaic necklaces seem to have traveled from another time and edged their way into today's fashion.



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DENISE MORGAN

Descending straight from the French vogue, the new culturistic fashion (beau monde) lets fad explorers claim their territory and invent original attire.

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